THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) to (d) The Government have recently approved a proposal of M/s. Mc Donald's Corporation, USA, to set up a wholly owned subsidiary in India for setting up Mc Donald Restaurants. The restaurants will be developed and operated primarily through; (i) directly by the subsidiary for a limited number of restaurants; (ii) joint venture between the subsidiary and Indian partners; and (iii) Indian licencees. The total investment for these projects will be 40 million US Dollars during the initial 7 years. The foreign equity investment will initially be 1 lakh US dollars to be increased to 20 millions US Dollars over initial 7 years. The approval is subject to the condition that no dividend will be repartriated during the first 7 years of operation. The proposal also envisages assistance to the Indian suppliers of products whose technology would be upgraded to meet the Mc Donald's standards and tie-ups with Mc Donald international suppliers for eventual exports to Mc Donald outlets elsewhere in the world. The project is likely to generate employment for over 3400 people in 20 restaurants, bring in better management systems for distribution and transportation as well as serves Indian tourism industry.

Sub-standard Drugs/Cosmetics

@@3641. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a spate of spurious and sub-standard drugs and cosmetics in the country at present;

(b) whether it is also a fact that amendments to Drugs Act and Cosmetics Act have failed to check the production of such drugs and cosmetics; and

(c) if so, what further steps are being taken to eliminate this menace ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) The enforcement of the Drugs & Cosmetics Act is primarily with the State Govts./UT Administrations and its quality and effectiveness varies from State to State.

(c) The State Govts./UT Administrations have been advised to strengthen both the enforcement machinery and facilities for testing. Financial assistance is also being provided to the States for this purpose.

'Nakil Dawaon a Dhanda Chamka' News Reports

@3642. SHRI SOM PAL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Governmen''s attention has been drawn to a news item appeared in the Dainik Jansatta, dated 15th January, 1993 under caption 'Nakli Dawaon ka Dhanda Chamka'; and

(b) if so, what efforts Government are making to set aside the legal anamolies ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Uttar Pradesh have reported that the matter is subjudice.

Opposition to Small Family Norm

3643. SHRI ASHIS SEN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any opposition to Government's proposal for small family and introduction of a Bill to that effect;

(b) if so, whether Government contemplate to make some special concessions to those communities in the said Bill; and

(c) if so, details of such concessions ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (c) The Family Wel-

@@Previously unstarred Question 2906, Transferred from 18th March, 1993.

@Previously unstarred Question 2915, transferred from the 18th March, 1993.